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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVES CREDENTIALS OF
AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV

1. AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS AT A CEREMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 15. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION AND A BRIEF PRESS MEETING THE PRESIDENT HAD A SHORT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV. ALSO PRESENT WERE NSC STAFF MEMBER BOB KING AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM LUERS.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PLEASED TO HAVE IN WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV WHO COMES FROM A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPROVING RECENTLY AND SAID HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD
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CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. HE SAID WE HAVE RECENTLY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND WE HOPED TO EXPAND OUR CONTACTS WITH BULGARIA.

3. AFTER THE PRESS HAD LEFT, THE PRESIDENT INVITED THE AMBASSADOR TO SIT. HE WELCOMED HIM AND TOLD HIM HE WAS PLEASED THAT US-BULGARIAN RELATIONSHIPS ARE IMPROVING.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT OUR INCREASED CONTACTS HAVE DEVELOPED
AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND OUR EFFORTS

TO ACHIEVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND GOALS IN
THAT ACT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EXPANDED RELATIONS. HE
SAID HE WANTED TO SEE AN INCREASE IN OUR RELATIONS IN
TRADE AND IN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONTACTS. HE SAID
HE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF DIVIDED FAMILY CASES HAVE BEEN
RESOLVED AND HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE
PRESIDENT SAID THAT DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON, SHOULD
THE AMBASSADOR HAVE ANY IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TO RAISE BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES, HE SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO GO TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE OR, IF NECESSARY, DIRECTLY TO THE
PRESIDENT.

4. AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO BE IN
WASHINGTON, THAT HE AGREED THAT OUR RELATIONS WERE
IMPROVING, AND THAT HIS MISSION WAS TO SEE THAT THEY
IMPROVED EVEN MORE. HE SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE
ARE ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. VANCE

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